Infrastructural development of DD/AIR in NER

1563. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will give priority to infrastructural development of Doordarshan and Akashvani in the North-East in the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the approximate budget for the same and the break-up for Akashvani and Doordarshan;

(c) the budget for infrastructural development and the amount earmarked for the production of programmes; and

(d) the budget for commissioned programme out of this?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Tenth Five Year Plan proposals are yet to be finalized. However, a sum of Rs. 8.15 crores in the current Annual Plan and Rs. 77.50 crores in the Annual Plan 2002-03 have been provided for up-gradation of infrastructural facilities of Doordarshan/AIR and software development under the Special Package for the North Eastern States (including Sikkim).

Publication of newspapers

1564. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers published in the year 2000-2001, language-wise; and

(b) the circulation of each of the newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The language-wise number of newspapers registered with the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) in the year 2000 and the language-wise

details of total circulation compiled by the office of the RNI on the basis of annual statements submitted by the publishers to the RNI during calendar year 2000 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Language-wise details of the number of registered newspapers in the year 2000 and the total circulation (language-wise) compiled on the basis of the annual statements submitted to the RNI by the newspapers for the calendar year 2000

Language	Total number of newspapers	Number of newspapers who submitted annual statements	Total circulation
English	7175	654	22962607
Hindi	19685	2881	54439135
Assamese	220	24	526366
Bengali	2643	456	5667044
Gujarati	1966	329	4997768
Kannada	1668	77	2554618
Kashmiri	1	0	0
Konkani	7	2	6081
Malayalam	1431	128	7659962
Manipuri	45	7	91247
Marathi	2717	236	5800746
Nepali	65	1	10340
Oriya	714	97	3341715
Punjabi	879	103	3169332
Sanskrit	53	4	6427
Sindhi	106	16	182791
Tamil	1965	133	4184128
Telugu	1200	155	2930418
Urdu	2848	372	6120317
Bilingual	2844	175	1852474
Multilingual	542	40	383031
Others	371	25	77216
TOTAL:	49145	5915	126963763